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## DORGAN INVITES SCANDINAVIAN ROYALTY TO MINOT'S NORSK HSTFEST

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) personally presented invitations Friday to members of royal families from five Scandinavian countries to attend and participate in the Norsk Hrstfest celebration in Minot, North Dakota. Dorgan hand delivered the invitations and personally invited the royal families to take part in the North Dakota celebration during a White House luncheon in their honor on Friday.

Dorgan was invited by President Clinton to participate in Friday's luncheon in celebration of the royalty and heads of government for five Scandinavian countries. When Dorgan accepted the President's invitation to the White House lunch, he contacted Pamela Alme Davy, Executive Director of the Norsk Hrstfest Association, and said he would be happy to provide a formal invitation to Norsk Hrstfest directly to the royalty of the five countries.

"I felt it was a great opportunity to reacquaint the royal families of these five Scandinavian countries with the wonderful celebration of our Scandinavian heritage that is unique in all of the United States," Dorgan said.

The royalty invited to attend the Norsk Hrstfest celebration and visit the Scandinavian Heritage Park include:

- i *Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden*
- i *King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway*
- i *Prince Joachim of Denmark*
- i *President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson of the Republic of Iceland, Mrs. Dorrit Moussaieff*
- i *President Tarja Halonen of Finland, and Mr. Pentti Arajärvi*

The Norsk Hrstfest celebration is North America's largest Scandinavian festival. The Scandinavian Heritage Park is a gift of remembrance to future generations, which includes statues, structural representations from each of the five countries, a waterfall, and an eternal flame.

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